

Docket No. 12969-1

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Bitler et al

Group Art Unit: 1714

Serial No.: 09/810,920

Examiner: Peter Szekely

Filing Date: March 16, 2001

Title: Polymeric Thickeners for Oil-containing Compositions

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**DISCLOSURE UNDER 37 CFR 1.56**

Dear Sir:

In fulfilling the duty of candor and good faith, the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 (two copies) are disclosed to the Office in accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56. It should be noted the word "prior" has been deleted from the attached PTO-1449. It is not admitted that the information in the listed documents is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56(b) or that the documents are analogous art. The Examiner is asked to consider these documents, and to confirm such consideration by returning an initialed and signed copy of the PTO-1449.

The documents listed on the attached PTO-1449 are not being supplied because they were cited by the Examiner in prior application Serial No. 09/398,377, which is relied on for an earlier effective filing date under 35 USC 120. 37 CFR 1.98(d) states that copies of such document(s) need not be provided.

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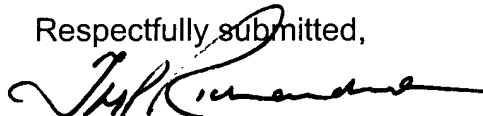
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This Disclosure Statement is filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97(d) which require payment of the fee as set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(p). Please charge the fee for consideration of the Disclosure Statement to Deposit Account No. 19-2090 (Sheldon & Mak).

It is believed that this Disclosure complies with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.56 and the MPEP. If for some reason the Examiner thinks otherwise, he is asked to call the undersigned so that any deficiencies can be remedied.

Respectfully submitted,



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